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William H. Liebold, II
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June 12, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington DC 20544

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Ameritech Michigan recently applied for approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to offer long distance services to their existing customers. On behalf of the Michigan Colleges Foundation I ask that you give the Ameritech Michigan application fair and favorable consideration. The intent of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was to promote full and fair competition in all telecommunications markets. This is especially important for nonprofits who need to contain costs by shopping wisely for quality products at the best prices without sacrificing customer service.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William H. Liebold, II
President

cc: Donald J. Russell, U.S. Department of Justice
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June 18, 1997

**The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
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Dear Mr. Hundt

I am writing to ask that you act favorably on Ameritech's application (Docket #DA 97-137) and its request to compete fully and fairly in the telecommunications markets in Michigan. Since the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has been in effect for over a year, and there has been no noticeable impact on long distance prices (which, by the way, have continued to rise), I see no reason to prevent Ameritech from entering the competition.

It is my understanding that the intent of the Act was to promote full and fair competition in all telecommunications markets. If this is the case, then please respond favorably to the request of Ameritech so that the consumers in Michigan may have the opportunity to select services based on a full spectrum of providers.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt response to this request.

Sincerely



**Jill Spencer
Principal**

C: **Mr. Donald Russell
Telecommunications Task Force**

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June 18, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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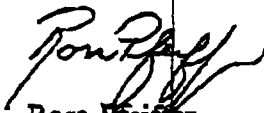
Dear Sir:

In the past year much has been said and written about the impact of The Telecommunications Act of 1996. Here in Michigan there has been much discussion about the attempt by Ameritech Michigan to gain access to the long distance market. I know that at this time Ameritech has reapplied for the right to provide long distance service in Michigan. I would like to encourage the FCC to act favorably on that application.

As users of significant amounts of telecommunications service, with limited amounts of budget available, it is in our best interest to see that true, market-based competition in all telecommunications markets is available. After a full year with the Act in effect, we have seen no sign of additional competition or lowering of prices.

I suspect that the major companies will be able to argue the technical points of the existence of open competition for a very long time. The FCC has the ability to bring those discussions to closure by clearly bringing action on applications. I hope that you will do so soon.

Sincerely,



Ross Pfeiffer
Group Director of Development

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
Ms. Lisa Hamway

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Mary Ablan
Executive Director

Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan

June 23, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Commissioner Hundt:

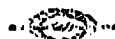
The Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM) is an association of regional agencies that advocates for the needs and concerns of older Michiganians. The AAAAM has a long history of advocating for consumer issues, including telecommunications. We have a special concern for low-income seniors who have limited incomes, are isolated, and at risk of losing their independence. For these individuals, telephone service is a necessity, not a luxury, and that service must be affordable -- both local service and long distance.

It is for this reason that I am writing to support a request submitted by Ameritech, Docket #DA 97-137. That request would allow Ameritech to provide long-distance services in Michigan, thereby offering consumers of all ages another choice of provider, which will hopefully lower prices. The long-distance companies have already received a green light to provide basic local service in Michigan, and we support the introduction of competition in that arena, because it gives consumers more choice.

Please do not delay any further in opening our long distance market to full competition. If there are reasons why you believe a delay is advisable, I would appreciate a letter explaining those reasons.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Ablan
Executive Director





Michigan Capital
Healthcare

June 18, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20544

SUBJECT: Docket #DA 97-137

Dear Honorable Hundt,

Being a nonprofit operation and using the telephone extensively in our business, I have been watching the efforts of the telecommunications act of 1996 for over a year with no notable impact on long distance prices. We endorse full and fair competition, based on the best products, at the best prices with the best customer service available.

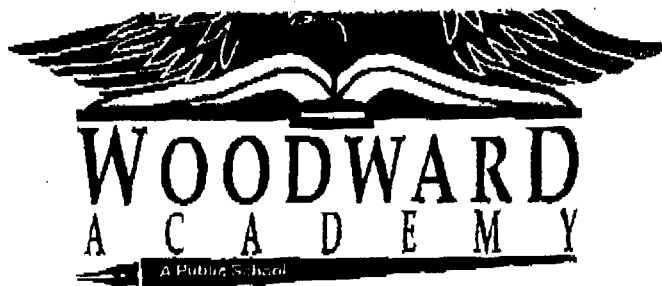
Therefore, I ask that you move favorably on Ameritech's application under Docket #DA 97-137 as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Everett W. Beemer
President
Michigan Capital Healthcare Foundation

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell



June 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for Ameritech to be approved as a long distance telephone service provider in Michigan.

As the Chief Executive Officer of Woodward Academy, a charter school in Michigan, I have personally observed how competition in public education has caused the traditional educational monopolies (regional school boards) to improve the quality of their product. I'm certain that you are well aware that open markets and fair competition increases the quality of products and drives down prices.

Ameritech has been a fair provider of goods and services to our school since our initial approval to operate the school nearly two years ago. Ameritech has also demonstrated a commitment to urban public education and non-profit-charitable organization through donations of human resources and cash contributions.

An example of the benefits of competition is our current Internet access charge. Woodward Academy has been paying \$19.99 per subscriber to Netcom. Ameritech has now entered this area and has cut our cost by \$5.00 per subscriber; and, Ameritech is providing a better product. If past is truly prolog, I look forward with great anticipation the day when Ameritech becomes a long distance service provider.

If you have any questions or require additional information, I can be contacted at (313) 961-2108.

Sincerely,

Melvin E. Smith
Chief Executive Officer

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Accredited
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June 25, 1997

IN RE: Docket #DA 97-137

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M.. Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20544

Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to move favorably on Ameritech's application to provide long distance communication service to their customers in Michigan.

True market-base competition in all telecommunications markets will ensure that the United States continues to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure--an asset that is essential to building our economy, and building our economy is essential to the nonprofit sector.

The intent of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was to promote full and fair competition in all telecommunications markets, which will be the key to the delivery of the information superhighway to consumers, businesses, schools, and nonprofits.

As a regional nonprofit organization, we view the health of American consumers, businesses and schools as the key to our operating programs and revenue. We endorse full and fair competition, based on the best products, at the best prices with the best customer service available. We believe Ameritech does all of the above.

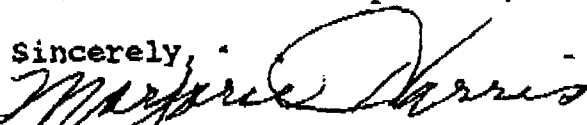
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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June 25, 1997

Please do not delay in opening long distance markets to competition, for the benefit of U.S. Commerce, and thereby, the benefit of U.S. nonprofits, as well.

Sincerely,



Marjorie Harris, Ph.D
President

cc
Mr. Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force,

**JOHN W. PORTER, Ph.D.**CEO, Urban Education Alliance, Inc. and
President Emeritus, Eastern Michigan University

June 25, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

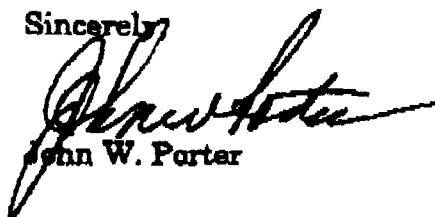
I am writing to you to convey our organization's support for full and fair competition in all telecommunications markets. In that regard, I would urge your agency to move favorably on Ameritech's application Docket #DA 97-137.

Clearly, true market-based competition in all telecommunications areas will ensure that the United States will continue to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure.

Based upon the experiences documented over the past year that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has been in effect, this requested action would seem to be most compatible with the intent.

Your action in opening long distance markets to competition will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely,


John W. Porter

pc: Donald J. Russell

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Lisa Hemway ✓

Norman Skytta
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June 24, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20544

RE: Docket # DA97-137

Dear Sir:

This is to urge you and the FCC to move favorably on Ameritech's application to provide long distance service in Michigan.

By your approval, I understand that local consumers would receive the most convenient and economical services for the telephone services involved. Also, by promotion of full and fair competition in the telecommunication market that would be enabled by approval, delivery of the information highway to consumers would move forward the most expeditiously.

Ameritech is our local telephone service company. Our community has been and is well served by them.

I am the treasurer of the United Way of Montcalm County. Ameritech and its employees have been major supporters of our organization. We are interested in the company's welfare because of our long-time favorable experience with them.

Very truly yours,

Norman Skytta

CC: Mr. Donald J. Russell
Telecommunications Task Force
Anti-Trust Division
The U.S. Department of Justice
8205 555 4th Street NW
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June 11, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

On behalf of the National Crime Prevention Council staff, board, and 136-member Crime Prevention Coalition of America, I wish to write you to consider seriously opening up the long-distance telecommunications market. It seems to me that this would mean full and fair competition in the telecommunications industry.

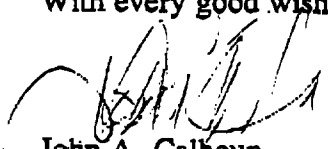
I know little about the telecommunications industry, but I do know a great deal about our monthly phone bill. We are the nation's focal point for the prevention of crime, working closely with police, mayors, youth groups, and the faith community across the nation; and believe me, our monthly telephone bill is high. Anything that can be done to bring it down would enable us to be more efficient, put more money into program, and serve the nation better.

So what goes on with the telephone affects our communications enormously. All qualified competitors should be able to compete to help bring the price down.

Again, I know very little about the issues technically or legally. All I know is that I do pay my bill, that it is high, and that communication is essential to my business.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With every good wish,


John A. Calhoun
Executive Director

JAC/adf

cc: Donald J. Russell



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June 25, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20544

Re: Docket #97-137

Competition in all telecommunications markets will benefit large corporate customers such as Detroit Newspapers. Telecommunications related costs are increasing while pressure to keep expenses down has never been greater. Expanded product and service options will help ensure we get the most value for our communications dollars.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was intended to provide healthy competition while ensuring all consumers have access to the "information superhighway." True market-based competition will spur additional investments in our nation's telecommunications infrastructure and provide a variety of choices for America's increasingly sophisticated consumers, large and small.

I ask that you move expeditiously in opening long distance markets to full competition. Please move favorably and quickly to approve Ameritech's application to provide long distance services in Michigan. Detroit Newspapers believes that having additional options in the telecommunications marketplace will benefit all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Totoraitis', written over a printed name.

John Totoraitis

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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June 27, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commissions
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20544

RE: Docket #97-137

Competition in all telecommunications markets will benefit large corporate customers such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Telecommunications related costs are increasing while pressure to keep expenses down has never been greater. Expanded product and service options will help ensure we get the most value for our communications dollars.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was intended to provide healthy competition while ensuring all consumers have access to the "information superhighway". True market based competition will spur additional investments in our nation's telecommunications infrastructure and provide a variety of choices for America's increasingly sophisticated consumers, large and small.

I ask that you move expeditiously in opening long distance markets to full competition. Please move favorably and quickly to approve Ameritech's application to provide long distance services in Michigan. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan believes that having additional options in the telecommunications marketplace will benefit all users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Dunleavy".

James Dunleavy
General Director
Information Delivery Services

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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